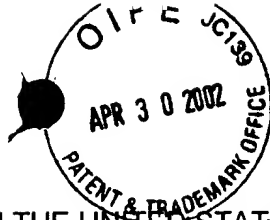


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For: USE OF TAUROLIDINE AND/OR TAURULTAM FOR TREATMENT OF
ABDOMINAL CANCER AND/OR FOR PREVENTION OF METASTASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims.

-- 13. (New) A method of treating abdominal cancer comprising performing a surgery on a patient's abdomen by forming a surgical opening in said patient's abdomen, surgically removing a cancerous tumor from the patient's abdomen through the surgical opening, and closing said surgical opening, the method including a step of administering a solution consisting essentially of taurultam to the patient's abdomen prior to said closing of said surgical opening and after said surgically removing said cancerous tumor, so as to treat cancer in the patient's abdomen.

14. (New) The method of claim 13 further including a step of additionally administering a solution consisting essentially of taurultam to said patient after said closing said surgical opening.

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